Violation of High Court orders for opening of Iron Gates in DDA Colonies

351. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Residents' Welfare Association in Delhi, particularly in colonies developed by DDA like Janak Puri are violating Delhi High Court orders and directions issued by MCD, that big iron gates linking colonies with outside roads should not be closed during the day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Delhi Traffic and local police whose job is to ensure compliance of the above orders are acting as passive spectators; and

(c) if so, whether Government would direct Delhi Police to ensure compliance and take action against R.W.As. violating the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) It is a fact that Residents' Welfare Associations of different colonies developed by DDA have installed iron gates for the prevention of crime and safety of the residents. These gates usually remain open during day time. However, action is taken to get the gates opened whenever any such complaint is received. The staff of Traffic Police has been briefed to ensure the compliance of court orders in this regard.

Gassing of Border by Chinese Forces

†352. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Tibet Border Police Force has intimated that Chinese forces on border has closed the border 140 times;

(b) if so, whether objection has been made to Chinese Government officially regarding this;

(c) whether Government are aware that China is undertaking construction work on a very big scale in its region on diverting roads bombers and rivers on its side; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government for keeping vigilance on Indo-China border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Both China and India conduct patrolling upto their perceived LAC and at times these result in violation. ITBP informs all the violations of LAC to all the concerned Government agencies from time to time.

(b) Issue of violations is taken up during Border Personnel Meetings and Flag meetings which are held between the local armed forces commanders of both the countries. Wherever necessary, these are also taken up at diplomatic levels.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The border passes and likely infiltration routes on India-China border are constantly kept under observation and surveillance by ITBP and Army by establishing BOPs/Ops at vantage points and carrying out regular patrolling activities.

Action taken on proposal from AP Government for creation of Posts of Teachers

353. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the Andhra Pradesh Government to arrange to obtain the approval of the President of India on the State Government's proposal for organising the newly created posts of teachers into local cadre as per para 3(1) of the Presidential Order under Article 371 (D); and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) A proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh requesting the Government of India to obtain the approval of the President of India to organise in terms of paragraph 3 (1) of the Presidential Order 1975 under Article 371 (D) of the Constitution, a single unified local cadre comprising of teachers in Government Schools, Mandal Parishad Schools and Zilla Parishad Schools in the State.

(b) The proposal is under examination.

Freedom of Religion Bill

354. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh Government has passed Freedom of Religion Bill;

(b) if so, the response of Government to this bill;

(c) which other States have also passed similar Acts, if so, the details thereof and the year in which they were passed; and

(d) whether Government intends to bring a Law, on the lines of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State of Himachal Pradesh has enacted the Himachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 2006 with the assent of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh. The Bill which was enacted into this Act was not received in the Ministry.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) There is no proposal before the Government.

Broadcasting Bill

†355. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Broadcasting Bill being formulated to control TV channels and FM Radio and by when it is likely to be introduced;

(b) whether guidelines would be issued by Government to keep a control over 'contents' and frequency being broadcast by FM Radio presently;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The proposed draft of broadcasting Services Regulation Bill is being consulted with States/UTs. The draft of the said Bill will be finalized once the consultation process is over. However it is informed that the Bill will take care of all issues of regulations of electronic media including content code. Since the consultations on the Bill are under process, no time frame can be given.

(b) to (d) As per the provisions of permission agreement private FM radio broadcasters are bound to follow the AIR Programme and Advertisement Code as amended from time to time.

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